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CORALVILLE — Susan Johnson of the Iowa DNR recently received the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award and the Outstanding Facility/Program Award from the Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations at its annual conference in Coralville.

Through the DNR's Special Waste Authorization Program, Johnson provides free, non-regulatory assistance to landfills, industry, businesses, agencies and more to help them better understand federal regulations and to safely dispose potentially hazardous materials. The Special Waste Authorization Program assists in providing safe and proper management for wastes which present a threat to human health or the environment that make disposal in a sanitary landfill difficult to manage.

Johnson accepted the awards at the Iowa Recycling and Solid Waste Management Conference Awards Luncheon in Coralville on Oct. 3.

"Sue has worked hard for many years as a partner with industry helping them solve their challenges," said Alex Moon, DNR Land Quality Bureau Chief. "Although she works for a regulatory agency, industry stakeholders have never viewed her as a regulator. She is well deserving of this award."

Johnson's work aims to help find safe disposal methods that meet all federal regulations while often saving organizations money by exploring alternative solutions. A focus on providing resources, including almost 30 fact sheets on various hazardous materials, helps simplify regulations and rules. In addition, Johnson works with the Iowa Waste Exchange to find new reuse options for wastes that would otherwise be landfilled.

For more on the DNR's Special Waste Authorization Program, visit <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Solid-Waste/Special-Waste-Authorization>.

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## DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at [www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/AboutDNR/EnforcementActions.aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/AboutDNR/EnforcementActions.aspx).

### **Consent Orders**

A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

### **Administrative Orders**

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

### **Jackson County**

Justin Clasen

Either submit National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application or eliminate man-made conveyance, properly stockpile manure, pay \$4,953 in fish restitution and investigative costs and pay \$5,000 penalty.

### **Scott County**

Dean Marten

Cease open burning and open dumping of solid wastes, properly remove all remaining solid waste from property, and pay \$10,000 penalty.